

at dances. On occasion, they would play with legendary jazz musician Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong.

Leo studied music at Xavier University in New Orleans. He became the school's bandmaster and in 1933 organized the university's first school band. While attending Xavier, he met Sister Katherine Drexel, founder of the Order of the Blessed Sacrament who on October 1, 2000, was canonized by Pope John Paul. Little did he know the significance of their meeting at that time, but today Leo is profoundly moved by his chance encounter with this remarkable woman, a former Philadelphia socialite and philanthropist, who would become Saint Katherine.

With the outbreak of World War II, Leo volunteered for duty with the United States Navy, serving as bandmaster at Lake Pontchartrain Naval Station. For a time, Leo's band could be heard every Sunday evening on the "Skyway to Victory" radio program on New Orleans radio station WWL.

On July 16, 1937, while still in the Navy, Leo married Helena Charbonnet. The couple had three children: son, Leo, Jr., and daughters Glynis Ann and Debbie Marie. The Navy transferred Leo and his family to Treasure Island in San Francisco, California, in 1944. After the war, they returned to New Orleans where Leo taught mathematics and music at Xavier, and returned to his musical career playing lead trumpet in local bands.

After his service with the Navy ended, in 1947 Leo and Helena moved the family West to Los Angeles. There he joined the city of Los Angeles' Bureau of Music as a contractor to the Parks and Recreation Department. He provided concert, Dixieland, and "longhair" bands to the city and played with the summer circus and Dixieland bands around town. He also did studio recording work, cutting sound tracks and backing sides.

As Leo's family blossomed and musical engagements became less reliable, he went to work for the United States Postal Service, operating out of Los Angeles' famed Ambassador Hotel. He continued to play in occasional jazz sets around town and in 1975 signed with Crescent Jazz Productions to appear in their "A Night in New Orleans" European tour, featuring the New Orleans Society Orchestra and Eagle Brass Band. Leo and Helena packed their bags and went abroad, where Leo played to packed audiences in Belgium, England, Germany, and Austria. It was an unforgettable occasion that Leo holds dear to his heart.

In 1992, Leo's beloved Helena passed away. For fifty-five years, she was his best friend, the love of his life, and his soul mate. He now lives with daughter Glynis and her husband, retired Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Dion Morrow, who have welcomed him into their warm and loving home. Despite his young 89 years, Leo continues to work in the community by volunteering for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, working out of the Ladera sub-station.

When not volunteering, Leo, who will turn 90 on May 11, 2001, remains a life member of AFM Local 47. He is an active bowler and a member of the seniors clubs of Saint Bernadette Church and the Claude Pepper Senior Citizens Center. He is listed in Who's Who of American Jazz musicians, and when the spirit moves him, can often be found doing a set or two on his trumpet.

Mr. Speaker, it is a sincere pleasure to recognize the outstanding contributions of Leo John Dejan to the music industry and to jazz lovers everywhere. I am proud to call him my friend and on behalf of the residents of the 32nd Congressional District, I congratulate him on his exemplary career.

H.R. 4788: SMALL WATERSHED REHABILITATION

HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2000

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, October 24, 2000, the other body adopted H.R. 4788, a bill that contained a number of provisions important to U.S. agriculture and the rural areas of our country.

Among other items in this bill is legislative language contained in Title I of H.R. 728, the Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments, a bill Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma introduced early in this Congress. The House adopted this legislation on July 17, 2000, but it was not acted on in the other body until yesterday.

The Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments of 2000 will authorize the Department of Agriculture to provide cost-share funding for local sponsors to rehabilitate dams that were built with USDA assistance. Under the Act, the Secretary of Agriculture will establish a system for approving requests for rehabilitation assistance, taking into account health, safety, environmental and cost considerations. Before approving a rehabilitation project for USDA funding, the Secretary will examine and consider all feasible options for rehabilitation, which under the bill may include correcting damage or deterioration of the structure, upgrading the structural measures to meet changed land use conditions or safety needs within the watershed, and decommissioning the structure.

The legislation is clear that a local sponsor may not be required to engage in a particular form of rehabilitation, and a project may not commence unless the Secretary and the local sponsor agree on the form of rehabilitation. At the same time, the Secretary will not place any specific form of rehabilitation assistance at a disadvantage when evaluating applications for rehabilitation assistance. It is expected that NRCS will follow the normal procedures for Federal agencies for water resource planning.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, the legislation contained in H.R. 4788 for dam rehabilitation under the small watershed program is important to rural areas, and I am pleased we have sent it on to the President for enactment. I commend the gentleman from Oklahoma, Congressman FRANK LUCAS, who is a valued member of the House Agriculture Committee, for his hard work and dedication to this issue.

RETIREMENT OF HON. TILLIE FOWLER

SPEECH OF

HON. OWEN B. PICKETT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2000

Mr. PICKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my colleague for whom I have

a profound sense of respect, the Honorable TILLIE FOWLER of Florida. Congresswoman FOWLER has a long and distinguished career of public service. TILLIE came to Washington to help secure the futures of our children by tackling and improving such things as education and defense. It is with the latter, that I have had the privilege to work closely with Tillie on the Armed Services Committee.

TILLIE's expertise in the field of defense and national security came as a result of her passion, dedication and commitment to our proud men and women who serve today in the armed services. As the Representative from the Jacksonville area, she has been a well-spoken advocate for our soldiers, sailors and marines standing watch, and has continuously worked to improve quality of life and readiness of our forces. She has earned respect from both sides of the aisle for her unrelenting efforts to make a difference in the lives of our children.

Congresswoman FOWLER will be missed in the House of Representatives in January 2001. I wish the best for her and her family in the future challenges they face, and thank her for her service to Florida and the United States.

IN HONOR OF MR. MICHAEL CUDAHY

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2000

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Michael Cudahy, a distinguished constituent from Milwaukee.

Mr. Cudahy is a highly successful businessman whose innovation and hard work resulted in the founding of Marquette Medical Systems. His company is not only a leader in global production of medical diagnostic equipment, it has provided citizens of Wisconsin with jobs for 33 years.

In addition to his business savvy, Mr. Cudahy has donated his personal resources to programs and institutions that work to better the Milwaukee community. In 1996, Mr. Cudahy donated \$4 million to the construction of Discovery World and IMAX theater. The theater presents a signature film that guides the audience on an educational tour of Milwaukee, before each of its feature films. The film was created and narrated by Mr. Cudahy.

In the spirit of education, Mr. Cudahy contributed \$10 million to Marquette University for a mathematics and computer science building. Additionally, he donated \$2.5 million to the Medical College of Wisconsin for a cardiovascular center. Mr. Cudahy, who believes that "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure," he has worked to improve the quality of life for children in Milwaukee.

The YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee received a generous contribution of 55 acres and \$5.5 million from Mr. Cudahy in 1998. The 55 acres that were once part of Mr. Cudahy's childhood home have been used to build the John C. Cudahy YMCA, a recreation facility that provides educational and fitness programs to area youth. Most recently, Mr. Cudahy made history with his \$3 million donation to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee. The contribution was the largest ever received

by the club in its 113 year history and will be used in attempts to double membership.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Michael Cudahy in his efforts to improve the community and better the lives of its citizens. From the beginning, Michael Cudahy's innovation, vision, and dedication have been an asset to the city of Milwaukee. His generous nature and positive outlook on life are an inspiration to all of us.

CONCERNING VIOLENCE IN MIDDLE EAST

SPEECH OF

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2000

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Con. Res. 426, concerning the recent disturbing violence in the Middle East. The resolution expresses the sense of Congress that the success of the Middle East peace process depends on the leadership of the Palestinians abandoning the use of violence and joining with the Prime Minister Barak of Israel in a true search for peace.

Two weeks ago, Mr. Speaker, I rose with a heavy heart, after learning about the latest violence in Israel. News reports at that time told us that two Israeli reserve soldiers had been killed in the West Bank town of Ramallah. The Israeli soldiers were detained by the Palestinian police after they inadvertently made a wrong turn down a street, and were taken to a police station. Apparently a mob of Palestinians broke into the police station, slaughtered the Israeli soldiers, and paraded their bodies through the streets.

This horrendous incident followed on the heels of days of violence by the Palestinian people. The tragedy of the return to street violence was aggravated by the refusal of the Palestinian leadership, and Yasser Arafat in particular, to move aggressively to restore order to the troubled region. Rather than exercise its law enforcement responsibilities, the Palestinian leadership actually encouraged the violence.

Mr. Speaker, the resolution before us today rightly condemns the Palestinian leadership for encouraging the violence and doing so little for so long to stop it, resulting in the senseless loss of life. Mr. Arafat must call upon the Palestinian leadership to refrain from any exhortations to public incitement, and Mr. Arafat must use his security forces to act immediately to stop all violence, to show respect for all holy sites, and to settle all grievances through negotiations. His total failure to take such actions necessitates our action today on this resolution.

I call on Mr. Arafat to live up to his obligations under the Oslo Accords, and to maintain public order and calm in the West Bank through a vigorous use of the Palestinian police force. Let us remember that the Palestinians now fully control over 40 percent of the West Bank and Gaza, with over 95% of the Palestinian population under the civil administration of the Palestinian Authority. As the Palestinians gain greater authority and control over their domestic affairs, they also must shoulder the additional security responsibilities that come hand-in-hand with territorial control.

The Palestinians must ensure the safety of both Israelis and Palestinians within their areas of control.

Mr. Arafat has personally assumed responsibility over all PLO elements and personnel in order to assure the maintenance of peace, law, and order in the West Bank. Just two weeks ago Mr. Arafat allowed a Palestinian mob to destroy Joseph's Tomb, a Jewish holy site in the West Bank, just hours after Israeli troops withdrew and allowed the Palestinian police to take control. Mr. Arafat has again violated his obligations under the Oslo Accords to "ensure free, unimpeded and secure access to the relevant Jewish holy site[s]" and to "ensure the peaceful use of such site[s], to prevent any potential instances of disorder, and to respond to any incident."

The statements attributed to Mr. Arafat following the recent Arab League summit only exacerbate the problem of his failure to be a leader for peace. Upon his return to Gaza on October 22, 2000, Mr. Arafat stated: "We will continue on to Jerusalem, the capital of the independent Palestinian state. If Barak wants to, he will accept it. And if he doesn't accept it, he can go to hell." Those are not the words of one seeking to put the peace process back on track.

Moreover, it is very troubling to see that Arab leaders legitimized the use of violence by the Palestinians as a negotiating tactic while Mr. Arafat praised those involved in violent attacks against Israelis. The Arab League also called for a downgrading of existing ties with Israel and for a halt in the establishment of any new relations with the Jewish state.

Mr. Speaker, each of us prays for peace in the Middle East. The only way to achieve peace is for the Palestinian leaders not only to condemn terrorism, but to take steps to stop it. We must also unequivocally state to Mr. Arafat, and to the countries of the Arab League, that Israel will only yield territory as the result of negotiations through a legitimate peace process, and that the United States stands firmly against the continued promotion of violence and terrorism by the Palestinian leadership, and specifically Mr. Arafat.

TRIBUTE TO ANN MARIE COMISKEY

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2000

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ann Marie Comiskey who will be named Troy's Distinguished Citizen of the Year by Leadership Troy at their annual community awards banquet on Wednesday, October 25, 2000.

Ann was nominated for this prestigious award by the Troy Women's Association. She has been involved with this group for the past 23 years where she has served in numerous capacities, including President, Chaplain, Historian, Membership Chair, Parliamentarian and several other positions on the Board of Directors. Ann has also served on multiple committees to organize many of the Association's events.

Ann Comiskey's dedication to her community extends beyond the Troy Women's Association. She is currently a member of St. Anastasia Church where she serves on the

Missions Committee and has served as a Eucharistic Minister and a teacher of Catechism. Ann has shared her knowledge in education and counseling on the Advisory Committee to the Troy Adult and Community Education Department, President of the Wayne Monroe Adult and Community Education Association, and is a member of the Michigan Adult and Community Education Association. She is currently one of the Vice Presidents of the Boys and Girls Club of Troy where she has devoted her time to the Taste of Troy Committee and is also the Chair of the 50/50 Raffle and Sustaining Membership Committees.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a remarkable woman for her energy and enthusiasm during her years of dedication and devotion to the people of her community. Ann Comiskey is, indeed, a distinguished citizen.

A TRIBUTE IN THE MEMORY OF DR. MARVIN WEINREB

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2000

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a great sense of loss as I pay tribute to Dr. Marvin Weinreb, a prominent East Bay community leader, friend and humanitarian, who left us on October 14, 2000, at the age of 74.

Dr. Weinreb donated his time and efforts to areas throughout the world in need of his medical expertise. He both piloted planes and gave medical assistance for the organization Los Medicos Voladores ("The Flying Doctors"), which provides volunteer medical aid to people in Central America. A dedicated doctor, Dr. Weinreb took time to help educate other doctors and train and encourage people interested in the medical profession.

Dr. Weinreb demonstrated a lifelong devotion to the Jewish, East Bay and International Communities. He was a former president of Temple Beth Shalom in San Leandro, the Jewish Federation of the Greater East Bay, and the Judah L. Magnus Jewish Museum in Berkeley, as well as a former chair of the Southern Alameda County campaign for the United Jewish Welfare Fund. He also served as a school board trustee in Hayward from 1965 to 1977.

Dr. Weinreb graduated from Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, and attended medical school at the University of Chicago. He then practiced dermatology in the Bay Area, and held the post of clinical professor of dermatology at the University of California, San Francisco, Medical School.

Dr. Weinreb and five members of The Flying Doctors were en route to a conference when their plane went down near Ensenada, taking the lives of all the passengers.

Services were held for Dr. Weinreb at Temple Beth Shalom, in San Leandro, California, on October 19, 2000. The community has lost a great person and dedicated humanitarian. My thoughts and prayers are with all of these families at this difficult time.